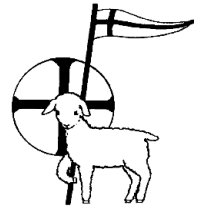


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 23rd February 2025

The Second Sunday before Lent

Today's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Elaine Brightwell

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Pat Clegg

Gloria: St Thomas Mass *David Thorne* Sanctus & Benedictus, Agnus Dei: Deutsche Messe *Franz Schubert*

Hymns: 393 Lead us, heavenly Father; Psalm 65 v 8-13; 353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

During Communion: Ave verum corpus *WA Mozart*

Final hymn: 439 (omit * verses) Praise to the Holiest in the height

Organ voluntary: Toccata and Fugue in D minor *JS Bach*

Next Sunday, 2nd March

The Sunday next before Lent

9.30am All-Age Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

Wednesday 6th March

Ash Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion (CW) with imposition of ashes

Electoral Roll: Action needed!

Every six years, every parish is required to compile a new Electoral Roll from scratch. 2025 is the year! In the next few days, everyone on the current electoral roll will receive a letter from Trish, our Electoral Roll Officer, with a form to fill in for membership of the new Roll. Please do fill in the form and let Trish have it back by the closing date, 20th March, so that your name is included on the new Roll. This entitles you to vote at the Annual Meetings and to stand for election as a member of the PCC (Parochial Church Council), as well as being a practical indication of your commitment to St John's. Copies of the letter and the form are available in church.

Palm Crosses

Do you still have your palm cross from last year? If so, please could you bring it to church during February so that it can be burned and mixed with holy oil to form the ashes for Ash Wednesday? Thank you!

Lent Lunches



The three Tisbury churches will again be providing lunch every Wednesday during Lent, at Tisbury Methodist Church, between 12 noon and 1.30pm, starting on Wednesday 12 March. Do please put all five Wednesdays in your diary and come along and enjoy a light lunch with home-made soup – why not bring a friend or two? Proceeds will go to Julia's House Children's Hospice.

Can you help?

Sally writes: 'Our turn is Wednesdays 19 March and 9 April. If you would like to help on either date with soup making, waiting on tables, washing up etc please contact Sally on 07929 435474 or Trish on 07765 226705. It's usually good fun and a chance to catch up while helping a good cause.'

In memoriam

We were sorry to hear of the death earlier this week of Chris Cox. Please pray for Lynne and for all Chris's family and friends. Funeral details will be notified when known.

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The Collect for the Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.'

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Psalm 65.8-13

⁸ You visit the earth and water it : you make it very plenteous.

⁹ The river of God is full of water : you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰ You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges : you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.

¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness : and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹² May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness : and the hills be girded with joy.

¹³ May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep :

and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit :

as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel: Luke 8.22-25

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray for the Deanery visit by Sherwood Elcock this month, for the success of the visit, for his safe passage and return. Please pray too, for fruitful discussions, and his contribution to the health of all in Cueibet town and Diocese.

We pray for countries where there is political instability:

Heavenly Father, we pray for countries experiencing the turmoil of conflict and political instability. We ask for peace to be restored. Grant to world leaders wisdom and integrity, so that they will work for the good of the people they govern and serve. We pray that citizens everywhere would have their rights preserved, so they can live in peace, free from fear.

